

AMENDED CLAIMS - REDLINE / STRIKEOUT

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1. [Canceled] ~~A construction layout stripping comprising:~~
 - a. ~~a pliable, non-elastic elongated base;~~
 - b. ~~repeating units disposed on the base, the repeating units having a plurality of pairs of uprights thereon on a single fixed spacing interval, each pair of uprights adapted to define a partition for grippingly receiving a specified size of construction member;~~
 - ~~whereby, construction elements can be built of various sized construction members spaced apart at a single fixed interval without the need to measure and mark the spacing, and the members can be held in place while being fixedly attached to the construction element.~~
2. [Canceled] ~~The construction layout stripping of claim 1 having on the base cutting ribs that provide a cutting means to allow a user to make a clean cut at a desired length with any type of cutting device.~~
3. [Canceled] ~~The strip of claim 1 where the base is comprised of two layers, first, an elastic layer, and second, a non-elastic layer, the two layers being bonded together.~~
4. [Canceled] ~~The construction layout stripping of claim 1, the base having a sticky surface for more securely grippingly engaging construction members placed into the partitions defined thereon.~~
5. [Canceled] ~~The construction layout stripping of claim 1, the base having a sticky surface for grippingly engaging a surface to which it is being applied.~~
6. [Canceled] ~~The construction layout stripping of claim 1 where the repeating units have partitions spaced apart so as to create the ability to space construction members on more than one spacing interval using the same stripping.~~
7. [Canceled] ~~The construction layout stripping of claim 1, the repeating units having a set of partitions, each of which is adapted to receive a 1 5/8" framing member, the set comprising:~~
 - a. ~~a first partition;~~
 - b. ~~a second partition, having a center which is 16" from the center of the first partition;~~
 - c. ~~a third partition, having a center which is 8" from the center of the second partition;~~
 - d. ~~a fourth partition, having a center which is 8" from the center of the third partition;~~
 - e. ~~a sufficient length of base so that the center of the fourth partition is 16" from a center of the first partition of the next repeating unit;~~

— whereby a user can place $1\frac{5}{8}$ " framing members on either 16" or 24" centers:

8. [Canceled] The repeating units of claim 1 having a set of partitions, each of which is adapted to receive a $3\frac{5}{8}$ " framing member, the set comprising:

- a. a first partition;
- b. a second partition, having a center which is 16" from the center of the first partition;
- c. a third partition, having a center which is 8" from the center of the second partition;
- d. a fourth partition, having a center which is 8" from the center of the third partition;
- e. a sufficient length of base so that the center of the fourth partition is 16" from a center of the first partition of the next repeating unit;

— whereby a user can place $3\frac{5}{8}$ " framing members on either 16" or 24" centers:

9. [Canceled] The repeating units of claim 1 having a set of partitions, each of which is adapted to receive a $\frac{1}{2}$ " framing member, the set comprising:

- a. a first partition;
- b. a second partition, having a center which is 16" from the center of the first partition;
- c. a third partition, having a center which is 8" from the center of the second partition;
- d. a fourth partition, having a center which is 8" from the center of the third partition;
- e. a sufficient length of base so that the center of the fourth partition is 16" from a center of the first partition of the next repeating unit;

— whereby a user can place $\frac{1}{2}$ " framing members on either 16" or 24" centers:

10. [Canceled] The construction layout stripping of claim 1 having more than one set of partitions adapted to receive more than one size of construction member and to allow for more than one spacing interval for each size of member:

11. [Canceled] The construction layout stripping of claim 10 where partitions associated with each size of member and each spacing interval have a consistent identifier means for noting which interval and member they relate to which is different from the identifier means for other construction members and for different spacing intervals:

12. [Amended] The A construction layout strip having the following repeating units on the same construction layout stripping where adjoining partitions share a common upright, the strip comprising:

- a. a pliable, non-elastic base,
- a b. a first repeating set of partitions, each of which each defined by a pair of uprights on the base, each partition adapted to grippingly receive a $1\frac{5}{8}$ " framing member, the set including:
 - i. a first partition with a center,

- ii. a second partition, having a center which is $16\frac{3}{8}$ " from the center of the first partition,
- iii. a third partition, having a center which is 8" from the center of the second partition;
- iv. a fourth partition, having a center which is 8" from the center of the third partition;
- v. a sufficient length of base so that the center of the fourth second partition is $16\frac{3}{8}$ " from a center of the first partition of the a next repeating unit first repeating set of partitions;

b. c. a second set of repeating partitions adjacent to the $1\frac{5}{8}$ " first set of repeating partitions, each of which is adapted to grippingly receive a $3\frac{5}{8}$ " framing member, the set including:

- i. a first partition with a center, the partition including an upright shared with the first partition from the first set,
- ii. a second partition, having a center which is 16" from the center of the first partition, the second partition including a shared upright with the second partition from the first set,
- iii. a third partition, having a center which is 8" from the center of the second partition
- iv. a fourth partition, having a center which is 8" from the center of the third partition;
- v. a sufficient length of base so that the center of the fourth partition is $16\frac{3}{8}$ " from a center of the first partition of the a next repeating unit second set of repeating partitions;

c. a set of partitions adjacent to the $1\frac{5}{8}$ " partitions, each of which is adapted to receive a $\frac{1}{2}$ " framing member, the set including:

- i. a first partition;
- ii. a second partition, having a center which is 16" from the center of the first partition;
- iii. a third partition, having a center which is 8" from the center of the second partition;
- iv. a fourth partition, having a center which is 8" from the center of the third partition;
- v. a sufficient length of base so that the center of the fourth partition is 16" from a center of the first partition of the next repeating unit, whereby a user can place $1\frac{5}{8}$ ", $3\frac{5}{8}$ ", or $\frac{1}{2}$ " framing members on 16" or 24" centers using the same construction layout stripping.

whereby a user can place $1\frac{5}{8}$ "; or $3\frac{5}{8}$ "; or $\frac{1}{2}$ " framing members on 16" or 24" centers using the same construction layout stripping.

13. [Canceled] A method of assembling construction members comprising the steps of:

- a. providing the construction layout stripping of claim 1;
 - b. placing more than one construction member into the partitions adapted to closely, grippingly receive the construction members at the desired fixed interval; and
 - c. affixing the members in place at the desired interval.
- 14. [Canceled] The method of claim 12 where the construction layout stripping is provided on a roll.
- 15. [New] The strip of claim 12 further comprising the base having cutting ribs defined thereon that provide a cutting means to allow a user to make a clean cut at a desired length with a blade cutting device.
- 16. [New] The strip of claim 12 where the base is comprised of two layers, an elastic layer and a non-elastic layer, the two layers then bonded together, whereby the elastic layer provides a material for grippingly engaging the construction members and from which the uprights can be defined, and the non-elastic layer provides support so that the strip does not stretch distorting the spacing intervals.
- 17. [New] The strip of claim 12, the base having a first sticky surface for more securely grippingly engaging construction members placed into the partitions defined thereon.
- 18. [New] The strip of claim 17, the base having a second sticky surface on an opposite side from the first sticky surface claimed dependent claim 17 above, for grippingly engaging a surface to which the strip is being applied, whereby the strip can be attached to a surface to facilitate the layout of construction members on an opposite surface of the strip.
- 19. [New] The strip of claim 12 further comprising a third set of repeating partitions adjacent to the second set, the third set disposed on the same spacing interval as the second set and each partition thereof sharing an upright with the second set, each partition in the third set adapted to grippingly engage $\frac{1}{2}$ inch framing members.